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MY FATHER WAS AN ARCHEOLOGIST.
That's what it's called. Isn't it pretty?
Snow?
and during the one called "Winter," snow would fall from the sky to the ground, just like this.
Three hundred years ago Earth still had four seasons a year,
WHEN I WAS A KID, HE USED TO TELL ME STORIES ABOUT THE WORLD IN THE PAST. JAPAN WAS MY FAVORITE TO HEAR ABOUT.

If the device my friend is developing operates as he says it will,
then I think my dream will come out well, too.
And when that day comes, Chiaki,
I'll take you with me to see the world as it was back then.
NOT TOO LONG AFTER THAT, THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT AT THE DIG SITE...
AND MY FATHER SUDDENLY PASSED AWAY.

LEAVING THE MEMORY OF THAT IMAGE ENTRENCHED IN MY MIND.
...Snow.
Chiaki! Hey, Chiaki, look! It's snowing!

Nothing's wrong.
You worry too much
What's wrong?
Are you sick?
Oh...
It's, I don't know... Kind of awe-inspiring, I guess.
I've just never seen so much snow before.
WH-WHAT?
I GOT A BAD FEELIN'...
MWA HA HA...
OHHH! Then that means you don't know what THIS is!

Too bad! If you don't like it, then start hitting back!
THAT WASN'T FAIR, DAMMIT!
BOFF
SNOWBALL FIGHT!
ha ha
ha ha!
AAGH!!
BAFF
Wooh!
Couple of idiots
Idiots
I'm gonna make you eat those words!
OW!
BAFF
-SNUFF-
-SNUFF-

snowing.
It stopped
Yeah...
Look at that beautiful blue sky.
Hey, Chiaki.
Mm?
Yep.

Can I kiss you?
Uh...
Huh?

Starting now, I'll be the one
to teach you about all kinds of firsts...
So don't...
I'm not goin' back to a world where you're not in it, Makoto.
PAT
Stupid!
YANK
!

Okay.
OPENED MY EYES TO EMOTIONS THAT I NEVER KNEW EXISTED.
THIS WORLD, WITH A SKY THAT WAS BLUER AND BRIGHTER THAN ANYTHING MY FATHER TOLD ME

THERE, IT WILL COME TRUE.
AND IN THE FUTURE SHE AND I WILL MAKE FROM HERE ON OUT,
THE DREAM MY FATHER GAVE TO ME HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN,
Hey Chiaki, what do you want for christmas?
YOU.
Give me a straight answer, jerk!

THREE THINGS OCCURRED TO ME DURING MY FIRST SUMMER HERE IN THIS TIME PERIOD:
ONE, THE SUN WAS TOO CLOSE. TWO, IT WAS TOO DAMN HOT.
AND THREE.... I COULDN'T FREAKIN' STAND BEING STUCK HERE.

BUT FOR WHATEVER REASON, THAT BRIGHT BALL OF LIGHT IN THE SKY...
FELT NICE TO ME.
I WANTED TO BATHE IN IT FOREVER.

MAYBE THAT'S WHY
PEOPLE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT CRAVING ITS WARMTH.
Hey, Chiaki!
Let's go!
...ad
DAD!

There's nothing but noodle cups all over the lab! Mama's gonna KILL you! Again!
DAD?
It's okay if you wanna stay up all night doing research, but would it kill you to eat a decent meal once in a while?
"Dad?"
.....
Why are you calling me that, Makoto?

...used to look *that* much like me?
Did Mama...
You look more like her every day. Scares the hell outta me.
THUNK
I WAS DREAMING OF THE PAST...
Oh... Masaki.
I GET IT...
Jeeze, Dad! Can't you tell the difference?
DING DONG

PALE
...are you doing with your daughter?
What th' hell...
Huh?! We're not DOING anything.
They're my wife and daughter!
SCREW YOU, OLD MAN! MOM WASN'T ENOUGH FOR YOU, SO NOW YOU GOTTA HAVE MASAKI TOO?!
Great.
now she's taking a power nap.
Yep. Said she pulled it off without a hitch.
How's Makoto? She say anything about work?
Christ!
SHUT UP, CHIHIRO!
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so let's have breakfast together.
I'll go pick up your mom.
'Kay.
AND NOW, 20 YEARS LATER,
I'M STILL BATHED IN THAT WARM LIGHT...

WITH CHIHIRO AND MASAKI, OUR LOOK-ALIKE CHILDREN
Good job.
AND YOU, MY SUN.

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Hello, one and all! This is Mameko! Believe it or not, this is already my sixth Chiaki x Makoto book! I wanted to do a story about Chiaki's dad (who shows up in the manga), plus one about the twins and a married Chiaki and Makoto... How did it turn out? (I'm scared to find out!) I'm kinda sorry it's all stuff that I made up myself... (lol)

It's been so long since I last drew about these cuties. It was tons of fun. Nehehehe (For me.)

This has been a great year for me. I got to write a bunch of stories about Chiaki and Makoto, and I even got some people to read 'em, too! I plan on drawing more ChiaMako in the year to come, and even some Summer Wars-based things too, so I hope you join me for the ride. ////// Thanks so much for reading!

By the way, the illustration is, for the record, ChiaMako. (lol) I kind of want to put out a maid book like this... I think it's time for another round of "The Girl who Pulled an All-Nighter"...

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